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Re: No study abroad or international exchange outgoing placements and no new international student exchange incoming placements for spring 2021

With the decision to maintain mostly remote delivery for the spring 2021 semester and the ongoing uncertainty about COVID-19 and its spread worldwide, UAA will not send outgoing students on study abroad or international exchange and will not accept new incoming international exchange placements for spring 2021.

- The Education Abroad Coordinator will communicate this to the outgoing students who have applied to participate in spring 2021. Those students have already been advised to work with their academic advisors to develop back-up plans to take spring course here at UAA.
- The Education Abroad Coordinator will also inform our international exchange partners, some of whom have already made the same decision.
- The International Student Admission Officer will communicate this to any students who have applied for spring 2021 placements through international exchange partnerships.

Education abroad is a transformative, high-impact educational practice that changes lives, expands future opportunities for our students, and connects the world in positive ways. It is, therefore, with regret that I make this decision.

This is difficult news for our students, and UAA will work with them to ensure continuity in their academic planning.

Please communicate this decision as needed.